

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were pending in the present application. Claims 17 and 24-26 have been amended, and claims 1-9, 18-21, and 23 have been canceled. Further, new claims 27-38 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification, *inter alia*, in Fig. 5. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 10-17, 22, and 24-38 are now pending in the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons which follow.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is sincerely thanked for indicating that claims 10-17 and 22 are allowed, and that claims 24-26 contain allowable subject matter.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

In the Office Action, claims 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. The claims have been amended where appropriate. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-9, and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,263,733 to Reimer et al. (hereinafter “Reimer”). Claims 8, 18, 21, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reimer. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reimer in view of GB 2185359. Claims 1-9, 18-21, and 23 have been canceled, thus mooting these rejections.

New claims 27-38 are believed to be patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claims 10-17, 22, and 24-26.

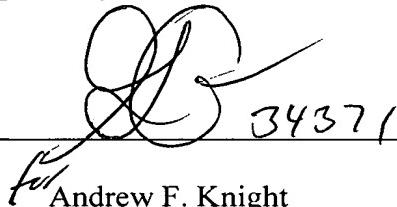
Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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